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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference No. 11 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. Computer-generated English translations of the following Japanese Patent Publication have been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and are attached, but have not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 11-12.
- ☒ 5. The present application was filed or entered the U.S. National Stage of the PCT after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the June 11, 2003, Notice waiving the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patent and patent application publication references are not attached.

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